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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The deadline to submit entries for the 28th annual Congressional Art Competition is April 30. Entries must be delivered to Congressman Sam Farr's Salinas or Santa Cruz District offices. A reception and judging will take place on May 17 on the California State University-Monterey Bay campus.

High school students living in the 17th Congressional District may compete in this contest. Artwork must be original, two-dimensional and when framed cannot be larger than 28 inches x 28 inches x 4 inches. Acceptable categories include paintings, drawings, collage, prints, mixed media, computer generated art and photography.

The first place winner will receive two roundtrip tickets to Washington, D.C. from Southwest Airlines, and the Savannah College of Art and Design will provide a \$1,500 renewable scholarship. A reception for winners will be held in Washington on June 17 and the student's artwork will be displayed in the Capitol for a year.

The contest is held in communities across the country and is the brainchild of the Congressional Arts Caucus, of which Rep. Farr is a member.

"I'm proud to support this contest every year, and in doing so support art programs at high schools throughout the Central Coast," Rep. Farr said. "Even in these tough economic times, we need to make sure we direct as much support as possible to art programs, which are a very important part of a well-rounded education."

The Central Coast's contest is organized by Bertha Muñoz, a congressional aide in Rep. Farr's Salinas office. For further information on the program, call Muñoz at 831-424-2229.

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